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SUBJECT: REPORTED ARREST OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCHERS

1. THE FORD FOUNDATION HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT FOUR OFFICIALS OF THE INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE TECNOLOGIA AGROPECUARIA WHO WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED ON MARCH 31. THE OFFICIALS, WHO WERE EDUCATED IN THE US WITH FORD FOUNDATION SUPPORT, ARE MARTIN PINEIRO, EDUARDO TRIGO, ALFREDO MONZA, AND RAUL FIORENTINO.

2. THE DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED THIS INQUIRY WITH AMBASSADOR VAZQUEZ, POINTING OUT TO HIM THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE IMAGE IN THE US OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT MAY SUFFER IF INDIVIDUALS WITH US TIES ARE ARRESTED WITHOUT CRIMINAL CHARGES BEING PLACED AGAINST THEM. VAZQUEZ SAID HE WOULD GET A CABLE OFF TO BUENOS AIRES IMMEDIATELY.

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3. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE EMBASSY MAY HAVE OR BE ABLE TO OBTAIN REGARDING THESE REPORTED ARRESTS. AT ITS DISCRETION, THE EMBASSY SHOULD REMIND THE GOA OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING ITS PUBLIC IMAGE IN THE US AND THE CONFIDENCE OF SUCH INFLUENTIAL INSTITUTIONS AS THE FORD FOUNDATION. KISSINGER

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